

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Spohn et al.

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[Divisional Application of U.S.S.N. 10/153,435, filed May 21, 2002]

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For: PEELABLE PTFE SHEATHS AND METHODS FOR MANUFACTURE OF  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicants kindly ask that the above-identified application be amended prior to examination as set forth herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.